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Production Unit 70-114
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MEMORANDUM FOR: SB/NSP

SUBJECT : Retirement Benefits
Aleks KURGVEL (T)

1. Mr. Aleks Kurgvel of this Unit believes that the attached joint U.S.-Estonian agreement and/or other agreements between the two countries which are still in force will provide the basis for retirement benefits for him.

2. In the case of the attached agreement, Mr. Kurgvel believes that Article VI is applicable. His initial association with the Agency in 1951 was the result of a personal directive by the Estonian Chief of State to Mr. Kurgvel, as an Estonian officer, to do so. He was told that he would be serving with U. S. military intelligence. He did not know that he actually was associated with CIA until two or three years later.

3. Mr. Kurgvel is 65 years of age and would retire immediately if an adequate pension were available. At present, his Social Security and Civil Service retirement benefits would total approximately \$270.00 per month. Consequently, as a result of financial necessity, he decided to accept an offer from CI/R and A at a reduced salary (GS-12/1 instead of his present GS-12/4) in order to continue working. He is hoping that the Agency will devise and approve, in the near future, a special retirement plan for personnel in his category who were not covered by Civil Service during the bulk of their Agency employment.

4. Mr. Kurgvel believes that if a retirement pension were granted under the provisions of a U.S.-Estonian agreement it would not mean that an expensive precedent would be set. He is the only case to which it would apply.

5. It is requested that the possibilities of securing such benefits be examined, possibly through the office of the Legal Counsel.

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Chief, Production Unit

1 Attachment
Copy of U.S.-Estonian Agreement

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